Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—I want to know, if there were any Non-Brahmins in that Committee.

Dewan.—The report will be published.

(*Vide.*—Dewan's concluding remarks in Appendix G.)

SUBJECT No. 73.

Increase of seats in Collegiate High Schools.

Messrs. Mahamad Raja, Hassan Town Municipality and A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—Government High Schools established in all the district headquarters other than Mysore and Bangalore may be converted into Collegiate High Schools, as much inconvenience is felt by the students in securing admission in the existing Collegiate High Schools after passing the S. S. L. C. For want of seats, students have to run from place to place and have often to change their optional subjects to suit the accommodation available in the particular sections. This is a great hardship. Every year, the same trouble has to be faced. Last year, seats were available for the students at Mysore as additional sections were opened.

First Member of Council.—Students desirous of prosecuting their studies can get seats in Mysore and Bangalore. Last year, accommodation was found for all the candidates.

Mr. Mahamad Raza.—Last year, a large number of candidates failed. These are not admitted to regular classes but only given two hours' tuition in the morning with hardly any facilities for practical work. The chances are that they will fail again. The accommodation now available is quite inadequate.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—Science classes are not available in Hassan and all our students have to go to Bangalore.

Another Member.—The parents are put to much unnecessary expenditure, if students have to be sent to another place. It is requested that Entrance Classes may be opened at all district headquarters.

First Member of Council.—I agree that there is hardship. Last year, there was some congestion. We will do whatever is possible.

SUBJECT No. 74.

Physical and Religious instruction to be made compulsory in schools.

Messrs. K. Venkatasamia, Mysore District Board; K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality; E. Krishnappa and Bandaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. K. Venkatasamiah.—*Neethibodhe* may be prescribed as a Text-Book in all classes. Religious instruction is not being imparted in our schools. Books on religion may also be prescribed as Text-Books. Physical culture may be made compulsory. Provision has also to be made for imparting religious instruction. It is often said against this proposal that there are no text-books and that a large number of teachers would be necessary. Religion is the basis of moral instruction. Moral instruction not based on religion is ineffective. Provision should be made in every school. There are text-books available. In the Madanapalli School, religious instruction is enforced.

There is also a University Text-Book on religion and morals. These contain the essentials of all religion.

First Member of Council.—Please refer to orders on this subject in the Education Memorandum. Let us first make a beginning with it.

Mr. R. Gopalsami Iyer.—Religious teaching in schools should not be compulsory. It should be optional. In Western countries also, it is not compulsory. Physical instruction also should be optional. Students unwilling to attend religious and physical classes should not be compelled to attend the same. If we follow the rules in Western countries, we should provide for medical inspection of schools and supply of the midday meal for children along with the introduction of compulsory physical instruction.

Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.—Government have devoted half an hour in the morning for prayer, but this is not properly attended. Similarly physical culture is neglected in all schools. Unless inspecting officers take interest, nothing is possible.

SUBJECT NO. 75.

Opening of Commercial and Agricultural Schools at all district headquarters.

Messrs. A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk and H. Maralusiddappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—Marwadis have come to our State in large numbers from Bombay and other places for trading. We are not good at trade and even the sons of traders are abandoning the profession. Similarly agriculture is also backward. The students should be trained in commerce and agriculture. Commercial Schools opened at some district headquarters do not impart instruction in indigenous accounts, etc. Instruction on agriculture is also necessary. Agricultural classes may be opened at every district headquarter. Government should encourage such education.

First Member of Council.—There are two Commercial Schools, one at Bangalore and the other at Mysore. Commercial Schools have also been attached to High Schools at district headquarters except Kolar and Chitaldrug. Two courses have been provided—one the junior and the other the senior. Junior Course is open to Lower Secondary candidates and the Senior for S.S.L.C. candidates. Commercial Schools will be opened in the remaining two districts.

As regards agriculture, the policy of Government is to confine agricultural teaching as an opitonal subject in High Schools and Middle Schools.

Mr. Narana Iyengar.—Practical instruction is not given in schools. Mere reading of books will not help.

Inspector-General of Education.—Arrangements will be made for providing practical instructions under the orders on the Education Memorandum.